GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Contamination of Ghaghar River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for dredging of Ghaghar river in Haryana specially in its border districts with Punjab to prevent the spread of diseases amongst the nearby residents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any action is being taken to stop the waste material being mixed from the industries in it, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps taken/to be taken by the Government to check contamination of Ghaghar river water so as to prevent spread of life threatening diseases amongst nearby areas/residents?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) & (b) There is no proposal for dredging of Ghaghar river in Haryana.

(c) & (d) The State of Punjab/ Punjab Pollution Control Board has taken the following steps to check the contamination of Ghaggar River Water:

1. Installation of STPs for 29 towns located on River Ghaggar

2. STP installed for Chandigarh city, is being monitored regularly by Punjab Pollution Control Board.

3. All the 24 water polluting industries of Focal Point, DeraBassi have installed Effluent Treatment Plants out of which 9 pharmaceutical industries have installed effluent treatment plants based on Zero Liquid Discharge technology.

4. For the treatment of domestic wastewater of industries of Focal Point, DeraBassi, STP of capacity 2 MLD has been constructed and ready for commissioning.

5. Installation of CETP of capacity 2 MLD based on ZLD technology: Though the pharmaceutical industries of DeraBassi area have provided individual treatment plants, however to ensure compliance of norms by these industries, a CETP of 2 MLD capacity with project cost of Rs. 50 crores is proposed for which Environmental Clearance has been granted by MoEF&CC on 23.03.2015. Work is likely to be started by 31/12/2016.
Punjab Pollution Control Board is monitoring the water quality of River Ghaggar at 12 locations under National Water Quality Monitoring Program on monthly basis.

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